

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that the above-captioned patent application is in condition for allowance with allowed claims 8-10 and 18-20, except that non-elected claims 11-17 must either be canceled or their dependency changed to depend from allowed claims 8-10.

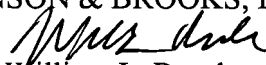
Accordingly, claims 11-13 have been canceled. Claims 14-16 have been amended to depend from claims 8-10, respectively. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 8.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectively petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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